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SUBJECT: Women's History Month

In 1981 Senators Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) and Orrin Hatch (R-UT) sponsored the first Joint Congressional Resolution to establish National Women's History Week. Due to an overwhelming response, State Departments of Education urged that the celebration be expanded. Since 1987, Congress has proclaimed March as Women's History Month because the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching, and study of American history.

Historically women's contributions to science, mathematics, and engineering have also been overlooked. Our work here at Goddard has certainly benefited from the historical contributions women such as Ada Lovelace, Maria Mitchell, Caroline Herschell, and Amalie Emmy Noether. The 2005 Women's History Month theme "Women Change America" honors and recognizes the many ways in which American women have transformed our culture and our nation. As part of our program for the month, we will honor the contributions of women who fostered our nation and women who have enhanced our mission here at Goddard.

March 1 "Raise Your Hand If You're A Woman In Science..."

A discussion of Virginia Valian's *Washington Post* (1/30/2005) article on Harvard President Lawrence Summers remarks on the scarcity of women in science and mathematics.

Building 8, Room 429 @ 10:00- 11:00 AM

This discussion will be repeated throughout the month at brown bag lunch forums. Updates will be posted on Dateline Goddard and on [Http://wac.gsfc.nasa.gov](http://wac.gsfc.nasa.gov).

March 9 "A League of Our Own"

Mary Pratt, Pitcher for the Rockford Peaches.

Memories of the 1940's All-American Girls Professional Baseball League: Rockford Peaches was the team that served as inspiration for the 1992 film, "A League of Their Own." Mary Pratt is a Baseball Hall of Fame Inductee.

E-2 Williamsburg Room, 11:30 -1:00 PM (Wallops) Catered Lunch (Tickets \$5.00)

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March 23 "Pioneering Women of Change"

Discussion panel honors and recognizes the many ways in which these women are transforming GSFC/WFF.

- Dr. Marilyn Ailes, Environmentalist, U.S. Navy
- Janie Conquest, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Diane Williams, Director, Management Operations, NASA
- YN2 Silvia Reynolds, U.S. Navy
- Pam Pittman, Systems Analyst, Wallops Systems Software Engineering

Brown Bag Lunch

E-2 Williamsburg Room, 11:30 –1:00 PM (Wallops)

March 24 "How Much You Don't Know About Women's History"

Ann Stone, Vice President, The National Women's History Museum. An entertaining and informative retrospective of women's contributions to the world we live in today.

Goett Auditorium (Building #3) 10:00 –11:00 AM

TBD: Science Exploration Directorate Knowledge Sharing Event

Featuring three of Goddard's scientists:

- Dr. Claire Parkinson "I Grew Up Loving Math"
- Dr. Amy Simon-Miller "As Long As You Play Your Cards Right," &
- Dr. Caroline Kilbourne "Treat Me As An Individual."

Recreation Center 8:30 – 1:00 PM

Catered networking lunch will follow (Tickets \$8.00).

Please join me in celebrating the achievements and contributions of the women at Goddard.



Lori Simmons
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